



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Merkin, Cynthia et al

Serial No. 09/977,736

Filed: October 15, 2001

For: COMPUTER SYSTEM WARRANTY  
UPGRADE METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Group Art Unit: 3626

Examiner: Glass, Russell S.

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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1. Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR §1.111;
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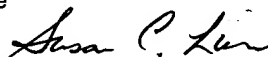
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1, 12-16, 25, 29-33, 35-38, 41, 45-46, 49, 55 and 57 are amended, claims 39-40 are canceled. Claims 1-38 and 41-57 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.